

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13, 37, and 39-50 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 37 are independent claims. Claim 37 has been amended. Claims 14-36 and 38 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 37, 39, 40, 42, 43 and 47-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oda USPN: 5,322,189 (hereinafter: Oda) in view of Chen USPN: 6,431,428 (hereinafter: Chen) and in further view of Kimura USPN: 5,842,625 (hereinafter: Kimura). Amendments have been made to address all rejections under this section. Claim 37 includes the following element, which the Patent Office has classified as allowable subject matter (Office Action, Page 3):

“wherein the means for coupling with the nail loading assembly is a casing coupled with a spool assembly, the spool assembly also coupled with the nail loading assembly, the casing further rotationally coupled with an adapter.”

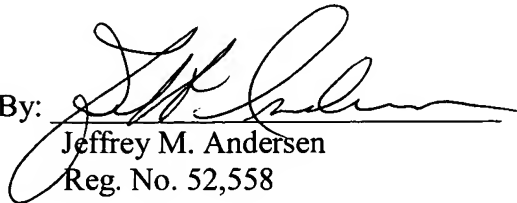
Therefore, Applicant contends that claim 37 should be allowed. Further, Applicant contends that claims 39-50, which depend on claim 37, should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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